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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

A Notice of Appeal was filed on July 27, 2007 in response to the Non-final Office Action dated April 3, 2007 in the above-identified patent application. The amendment is filed to improve the readability of the claims and make the claims more clear. Should there be any fees due and owing with respect to this response, the Office is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-3208.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

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